

Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs Veterans Day Events In Iowa

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Listed Chronologically

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2012

- o Veterans Appreciation Day Sponsored by North High School Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, **8 Nov 2012** 7:00-9:00 am, North High School, 501 Holcomb Avenue, **Des Moines, IA 50313 (Polk Co.)**, Nora Sanchez, Marine Corps Junior ROTC, (786) 285-5396, nleilani94@yahoo.com, Major Sean Quinlan, United States Marine Corps, Lead Instructor, North HS Marine JROTC, sean.quinlan@marines.usmc.mil. Note – This is the ONLY high school in the City of Des Moines that has a Veterans Day Program; the JROTC Team at North HS wants to provide students an opportunity to meet veterans, and provide veterans and students an opportunity to talk about their experiences and thoughts on service.
- o Camp Dodge Veterans Day Chapel Service, **NOV 8 2012**, Thursday, 8:30 am Camp Dodge Chapel, **Johnston, IA**.
- o Remembering Our Fallen exhibit, **8-14 NOV 2012**, Mon-Fri, 5 am – 9 pm, Sat 8 am – 8 pm Lawrence Community Center, 600 East Main Street, **Anamosa, IA**. (319)462-6181
- o Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dubuque Will Recognize Priests Who Served in U.S. Armed Forces, **8 Nov 2012** 3:00 pm, Iowa Veterans Home, Malloy LRC, 1301 Summit St., **Marshalltown, IA 50158 (Marshall Co.)**, Michael Hines, michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us, (641) 753-4309. Note – There are numerous Catholic Priests who made significant contributions to the U.S. Armed Forces, and the Archbishop of Iowa wants to recognize them during a ceremony at the Iowa Veterans Home around Veterans Day. Open to the public.
- o 4th Annual Veterans History Project, **9 Nov 2012** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, AIB College of Business, 2500 Fleur Drive, **Des Moines, IA 50321 (Polk Co.)**, Kris Mattoon, (800) 444-1921, mattoonk@aib.edu, Note – Please join AIB College of Business in collaboration with the National Court Reporters Foundation for the annual Veterans History Project honoring veterans and archiving their military stories. This event includes a ceremony with noted guest speakers, private interviews with each veteran and a luncheon. All interviews will be recorded and transcribed, and participating veterans will receive a DVD and transcript of their interview. Copies of the transcriptions also will be placed in archives at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum in Johnston and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS 12 OCT 2012!
- o Mail Call, **9-10 Nov 2012**, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, 503 South Street, **Waterloo, IA**, Annette Freeseman, Annette.freeseman@gmdistrict.org, (319) 234-6357. The Iowa Veterans Museum is encouraging museum patrons and veterans in the community to show support for the men & women spending the holiday season overseas. Participants will create handmade stationary out of colorful and patriotic paper and materials.
- o 2nd Annual Indian Hills Community College Veterans Ceremony, **10 Nov 2012** 9:00-9:30 am, Indian Hills Community College, Grandview Entrance, 525 Grandview Avenue, **Ottumwa IA** (Wapello County) 52501, Teresa McNitt, Admissions Counselor/Veterans Coordinator, (641) 683-5328, Teresa.mcnitt@indianhills.edu, Veterans@indianhills.edu,
- o Indian Hills Community College Remembrance Day National Roll Call, **10 Nov 2012** 9:30 am – 6:00 pm, Indian Hills Community College, Grandview Entrance, 525 Grandview Avenue, **Ottumwa IA** 52501 (Wapello County), Teresa McNitt, Admissions Counselor/Veterans Coordinator, (641) 683-5328, teresa.mcnitt@indianhills.edu,

Veterans@indianhills.edu/. Note – Following the 10th anniversary of September 11th, 2001 tragedy, Indian Hills Community College along with over 100 colleges and universities across the nation, will read the names of over 6,200 casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom now called "Operation New Dawn". Note – Remembrance Road honoring all Iowa Soldiers who have fallen since 9-11. Please join us in remembering the sacrifices of ten years of war as well as other Iowa Veterans. Remembrance Day National Roll Call is sponsored nationally by Veterans Knowledge Community of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators NASPA Student Affairs Administration in higher education. Also, IHCC will honor the Iowa soldiers that have fallen since 911 with their own sign on "Remembrance Road", beginning at the Grandview gate entrance. Stop by the "Veteran's Day Hospitality Room" located in the formal lounge and sign the guest book, have some refreshments, and check out our "Wall of Honor".

o Free Groceries for Siouxland Veterans in Need, **10 Nov 2012** 10:00-11:30 am, New Life Lutheran Church of Sergeant Bluff, 206 1st St (Intersection of 1st & Baker Streets), **Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054 (Woodbury Co.)**, Sarah Peterson, Support Siouxland Soldiers, (712) 541-8020, siouxlandtroops@gmail.com, Note – Veterans are respectfully asked to please either call or email in advance that you plan to participate and let the organization know how many are in your family so that they are supplied to support you.

o 8th Annual University of Iowa Hawkeye Football Blackout Saturday Honoring U.S. Armed Forces Veterans, **10 Nov 2012** 12:00 pm, Kinnick Stadium, The University of Iowa Campus, 1 Evashevski Drive **Iowa City, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, Dave Gallagher, Bravo Sports Marketing, Inc., (319) 626-8296, Note – This year "Operation Blackout" falls on the day of the Iowa Hawkeyes' annual celebration of America's veterans. The shirt design features an American Flag background while paying tribute to Veterans with a message of thanks. The official Blackout shirt and ticket packages to the Purdue game can be purchased online at www.bravosportsmarketing.com and is available in both short and long sleeve tees as well as a hooded sweatshirt.

o The Corporal's Diary, **10 Nov 2012**, 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum Theatre, 503 South Street, **Waterloo, IA**. Cynthia Stevens, Cynthia.stevens@gmdistrict.org, (319)234-6357. In honor of Veterans Day, "The Corporal's Diary – 38 Days in Iraq" will be presented at the museum. Corporal Jonathan Santos had documented his 37 days of military service in Iraq before a roadside bomb took his life. This story of courage is a universal tribute to soldiers everywhere.

o Ceremony to Honor Service Members Who Are Alumni of Iowa State University Killed In Action, **10 Nov 2012** 3:15 pm Iowa State University, Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 2229 Lincoln Way, **Ames IA (Story County)** 50014, Jim Olberding, Work: (515) 292-9776, cell: (515) 450-8142, olberdingj@aol.com, Note – This year Iowa State University will add four names to Gold Star Wall, including United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Hamski, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, who was assigned to 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and who was killed in the died May 26, 2011, in the Shorabak District of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. There will be three other Iowa State alumni, all United States Air Force Pilots, who died while serving our Nation in Korea.

o Beaverdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9127 Veterans Celebration Dinner, **10 Nov 2012** 5:00-7:00 pm, Beaverdale VFW Post 9127, 4029 Urbandale Avenue, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co)**, Shawn Miller, Commander, Betty Reichenbacker, Manager, smiller.vfw9127@gmail.com, (515) 255-9804, Note 1 – this event is open to the public; cost is \$15.00 per person. Note 2 – Meal includes: Marinated Grilled Steak, with Mushroom Demi Sauce, Rosemary Red Bliss Potatoes, Cowboy Sautéed Green Beans, Spring Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Dinner Roll and Featured Dessert.

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

o VETERANS DAY, 11 Nov 2012 – <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

o Veteran Relief—Veterans Holiday Food Drive—**11 Nov – 15 Dec 2012**, Fort Des Moines Museum & Education Center, 75 East Army Post Road, **Des Moines, IA 50315-5866 (Polk Co.)**, Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, Veterans Education and Programs Coordinator, 515.282.8060, ftdm.museum.vets.edu@gmail.com, For additional information closer to the event please check: www.FortDesMoines.org. Note-Holiday Food Drive is to specifically target Food Insecurity in our Veteran population. Veteran related organizations, Community Groups and Veteran-Friendly Businesses are encouraged to participate by volunteering to: (1) Work on Planning Task Force, (2) Host a Collection Box, (3) Organize participants to collect non-perishable food items and/or (4) Help with final collection and distribution of food items to agencies directly relieving hunger in our veteran populations. Participation at any level of volunteerism is appreciated. Program launches at Fort Des Moines Museum & Education Center as part of the Veterans Day Commemorative Service.

o Annual Free Veterans Breakfast Sponsored by Hy-Vee, Marion County Commission of Veterans affairs, AMVETs, American Legion, and VFW **11 November 2012** 7:00-10:30 am, National Guard Armory, 1015 N. Lincoln, **Knoxville, IA (Marion Co.)**, Michael Kuhn, Marion County Director of Veterans Affairs, mkuhn@co.marion.ia.us, (641) 828-2201. All Veterans and current military eat free!

o Iowa Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony at Iowa Veterans Cemetery, **11 Nov 2012** 8:00 am, Iowa Veterans Cemetery Committal Shelter, 34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, **Van Meter IA** (located off of Interstate 80 at exit 113), Jodi Tymeson, (515) 249-8627, jodi.tymeson@iowa.gov.

o Dedication of VFW Memorial Monument, **11 Nov 2012**, approximately 9 am, Memorial Walk, Iowa Veterans Cemetery, **Van Meter, IA** (Dallas Co.), Jerry Black, Adjutant / Quartermaster Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Iowa, vwfwiowa@qwestoffice.net, (515) 255-2139, Travis Holden, District 5 Commander, travis712@mchsi.com, (515) 729-4797.

o Veterans Day Celebration at McLaren's Resthaven Chapel & Cemetery, **11 Nov 2012** 08:30 am, 801 19th Street, **West Des Moines IA**. Note – Event is free and open to the public and will feature breakfast starting at 8:30 am followed by a “Salute to Veterans” Remembrance Ceremony at 9:00 am

o The Larry Nehring Detachment of the Marine Corps League Coordinated Memorial Ceremony at Gold Star Monument, **11 Nov 2012** 9:00 am, Gold Star Monument (West Side of Lutheran Hospital), 840 East University Ave., **Des Moines IA 50316 (Polk Co.)**, Carl Wong, Marine Corps League, 515-491-6824; carlwong@q.com.

o Veterans Service at Zion Lutheran Church, **11 Nov 2012**, 9:00 am, **Manning, IA**. Certificates will be available for Veterans.

o Veterans Day Parade, **11 Nov 2012** 10:00 am, 600 West 4th Street (Ending at Courthouse), **Davenport, IA (Scott Co.)**, David “Woody” Woods, (563) 326-8723, david.woods@scottcountyiowa.com.

o The Larry Nehring Detachment of the Marine Corps League Coordinated Memorial Ceremony at Gold Star Monument, **11 Nov 2012** 10:00 am, Korean & Vietnam Memorial Site, Iowa State Capitol Grounds (South of Capitol), **Des Moines IA**, Larry Nehring Detachment, Marine Corps League; Commandant Carl Wong (515) 491-6824 carlwong@q.com. Note - Opening prayers, laying of wreath at both memorials and traditional firing of three volley followed taps.

o Veterans Day Program, **11 November 2012** 10:00 am, Pekin Community School, 1062 Birch Avenue, **Packwood, IA.**, Frank Neff, (319) 695-3726, emenneff@iowatelecom.net

o Iowa Veterans Day Program at Iowa Veterans Home, **11 Nov 2012** 10:30 am, Iowa Veterans Home Malloy LRC, **Marshalltown, IA (Marshall Co.)**, Michael Hines, (641) 753-4309, michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us. Note - Keynote speaker will be Larry Spencer USN (R), a member of the Iowa commission of Veterans Affairs. The Marshalltown

Municipal Band will perform the Prelude, National Anthem, and a patriotic song. The IVH choir will be performing as well. Cub Scout Troop #317 of Marshalltown will post and retire colors.

o Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Wall on Main Street, **11 Nov 2012**, 11:00 am **Manning, IA**. Bill Meyer (Carroll Co VSO), bill.meyer.hry0@statefarm.com.

o Veterans Day Program, **11 November 2012** 11:00 am, Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, **Des Moines, IA, (Polk Co)**, Amy (Loftus) Spike, (515) 564-8059, aspike@iowaeventscenter.com or Vicki Arias, (515) 564-8032, varias@iowaeventscenter.com. Note – This event will include representatives from ALL Veterans Service Organizations. Presiding at the ceremony will be Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.

o Veteran's Day Observance, **11 Nov 2012**, 11:00 am, Boline Manfredi VFW Post 9662, 1309 NE 66th Ave., **Des Moines, IA (Polk Co.)**, Dave Campbell, (515) 289-9914, webmaster@vfw9662.org, Note - Please join us for our Annual Veteran's Day Observance. A light lunch to follow sponsored by the post.

o Veterans Day Ceremony, **11 Nov 2012** 11:00 am, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1565, 1415 Grandview Ave., **Muscatine, IA 52761 (Muscatine Co.)**, Sarah Sullivan, sgtmomisthename@yahoo.com, Note – A noon meal will follow the program.

o Veterans Day Ceremony, **11 Nov 2012** 11:00 am, Mills County Court House, 418 Sharp Street, **Glenwood, IA (Mills Co.)**, Melissa Gray, Mills County Director of Veterans Affairs, (712) 527-5621 (mgray@millscoia.us, Note – The bell from the Methodist Church will sound and the tribute to our veterans past and present will begin. Keynote speaker is Mike Schmidt.

o Veterans Memorial Dedication, **11 Nov 2012** 11:11 am, Linn County Community Services Building, 1240 26th Avenue Court SW, **Cedar Rapids, IA**. Guest speaker is MGen Steven Feldmann, USA (Ret).

o Veterans Day Observance, **11 Nov 2012** at 11:11 am, Courthouse in **Dakota City, IA, (Humboldt Co.)**. Note – There will be speakers, music, raising of the flag and a honor guard rifle salute. Lunch, provided by the VFW in Dakota City, will be served after the ceremony. Craig Malloy, humbcova@goldfieldaccess.net.

o Veterans Day Ceremony at Louisa County Courthouse, **11 Nov 2012** 11:45 am, Wapello County Courthouse, **Wapello, IA (Louisa Co.)**, Gary Marquardt, (319) 321-9195, grm20764@yahoo.com. Event sponsored by VFW Post 5166.

o Dedication of Flag Memorial at Linn County Administration Building, **11 Nov 2012** 12:30 pm, Linn County Administration Building, 935 2nd St SW, **Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 (Linn Co.)**, Donald Tyne, Linn County Director of Veterans Affairs, donald.tyne@linncounty.org, (319) 892-5160, Keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Steven J. Feldmann

o Commemorative Event—Veterans Day Service- “*Valor Displayed is the Color of Our Freedom Well Lived*,” **11 Nov 2012 1:00 pm**, Fort Des Moines Historic Chapel, 75 East Army Post Road, **Des Moines, IA 50315-5866 (Polk Co.)**, Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, Veterans Education and Programs Coordinator, (515) 282.8060, ftdm.museum.vets.edu@gmail.com, For additional information closer to the event, please check: www.FortDesMoines.org. Note-The annual Veterans Day Commemoration will be held on the Fort Des Moines Museum property. The Commemorative Service will contain patriotic vocal and instrumental music and addresses. Keynote Speaker will be Brigadier General Arlan M. DeBlieck, Commander, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) U.S. Army Reserve. A reception and guided museum tours follows the Service. Veterans Day is also the final exhibition day of The Freedom Quilt. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned or packaged food item for donation to the Veterans Holiday Food Drive. **Veterans Day Service, Reception and Museum Tours are FREE OF CHARGE in honor of the day.**

o Fairfield & Jefferson County Veterans Day Program, 11 Nov 2012 1:30 pm, Fairfield High School Auditorium, 403 S. 20th St., Fairfield, IA 52556 (Jefferson Co.), CW4 Lane Bush (Iowa ARNG, Ret.), (641) 472-4614,

lajabu@lisco.com. Note – Keynote speaker will be Colonel Todd Jacobus, Iowa National Guard, Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs

o “A Star Spangled Salute, Iowa Military Band , **11 Nov 2012 2:00 pm**, Civic Center of Greater Des Moines, 221 Walnut St., **Des Moines IA 50309 (Polk Co.)**, James E. Goodwin, Conductor, (515) 966-2414, jjgoodwin@q.com, Sam Callahan, President, (515) 967-5553, retired_10_99@yahoo.com. Please check out the web page. <http://www.iowamilitaryveteransband.com>

o Bettendorf Veterans Park Memorial Day Ceremony, **11 Nov 2012 2:00 pm**, Bettendorf Veterans Park off of 23rd Street, **Bettendorf, IA (Scott Co.)**, **11 Nov 2012 2:00 pm**, David “Woody” Woods, (563) 326-8723, david.woods@scottcountyiowa.com. Note - Speakers to be announced later.

o American Legion Post 663 “ Salute to Veterans – Women in the Military Celebration, **11 Nov 2012 4:00-7:00 pm**, American Legion Post 663, 6805 Douglas Ave., **Urbandale, IA 50322 (Polk Co.)**, Scott Moline, Commander, smoline@kaplan.edu, (515) 727-2100. Note – This event will include a chilli feed with free refreshments. There will be a rank recognition from E1 through O7 honoring our “Women in the Military”. Address by Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director, IDVA.

o Veterans Day Soup Supper Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, **11 Nov 2012 4:00-6:00 pm**, Biggs Center, **Wapello, IA (Louisa Co.)**, Gary Marquardt, (319) 321-9195, grm20764@yahoo.com. Note – This event is sponsored by Wapello VFW Post 5166.

6th Annual Veteran’s Day Event, **11 Nov 2012**, Jordan Park Camp, 2251 Fuller Rd, **West Des Moines**, 4:00 pm Music by *Every Empire*. *Every Empire* has been working to bring awareness to disabled Veterans through their music.

o 37th Annual Johnston County Military Affairs Association Veterans Day Banquet, **11 Nov 2012 5:30 pm**, Riverside Casino, 3184 Hwy 22, Riverside (Washington Co), IA, Michelle Reuss, (319) 621-7878, reussm@ymail.com, Note 1 – 1940s attire or Service dress uniform, Note 2 – Speaker is Colonel Chris Miller, SOCOM, Note 3 – Hayek Award Winner: Bump Elliot

NOVEMBER 12, 2012

o Annual Free Veterans Day Breakfast, **12 Nov 2012 7:00-10:30 am**, National Guard Armory, 1015 N. Lincoln, **Knoxville, IA (Marion Co.)**. Michael Kuhn, mkuhn@co.marion.ia.us, (641) 828-2201 Sponsored by Hy-Vee, Marion County Commission of Veterans affairs, AMVETs, American Legion, and VFW. All Veterans and current military eat free!

o 15th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, **12 Nov 2012 8:00 am**, Perry Community High School, 1200 18th St., **Perry IA 50220 (Dallas Co.)**, Ed Vos, Dallas County Director of Veterans Affairs, Tom Lipovac, Student Activities Director, (515) 465-3503, Note – The day will begin with morning refreshments at 8:00 am in the Perry High School Dr. Eugene Brady Library. Two panels of military personnel will share their experiences beginning at 8:45 am in the Perry Performing Arts Center. Our Veteran's Day Assembly will follow at 10:00 am Following the conclusion of the program, veterans and their spouses will be invited to a luncheon in the Perry High School Gymnasium.

o John Feller of VFW Post 9127 Recites Gettysburg Address in Full Lincoln Regalia in Honor to Veterans Day, **12 Nov 2012 9:45 am**, Hy-Vee, 4605 Fleur Drive, **Des Moines, IA 50321 (Polk Co.)**, John Feller, jfeller889@aol.com, (515) 288-2829

o Osceola County Veterans Day Program, **12 Nov 2012 10:45 am**, Ocheyedan High School, **Sibley, IA (Osceola Co.)**, Craig Sorensen, Osceola County VSO, (712) 754-2514, csorensen@osceolacoia.org.
Note - Event will be open to the public with a luncheon for area veterans following the program. Speaker will be Andy Mouw, a WWII veteran from Sibley. Andy served on an aircraft carrier that was sunk by 2 Japanese kamikaze planes.

o Family Alliance for Veterans of America (FAVA) Veteran's Luncheon and Resource Fair, **12 Nov 2012** 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, FAVA National Headquarters, 100 North Clark St., **Forest City, IA** 50436 (**Winnebago Co.**), Rhonda Jordal, rhonda.jordal@westcare.com, Serena Golwitzer, serenag.fava@gmail.com, (641) 243-4103.

o Rockwell Collins "Salute to Veterans" Program, **12 Nov 2012** 1:00-3:00 pm, Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, **Cedar Rapids, IA** 52402 (**Linn Co.**), Ken Manley, Rockwell Collins, (319) 295-4786, krmanley@rockwellcollins.com

o University of Iowa Veterans Reception, **12 Nov 2012** 3:00-5:00 pm, Pappajohn Business Building/W401, **Iowa City, IA (Johnson Co.)**, John Mikelson, Work: (319) 384-2020, john-mikelson@uiowa.edu, Note – Speakers will include COL Todd Jacobus and Dr. Mike Hall.

NOVEMBER 14 and forward

Hiring Our Heroes, **14 NOV 2012**, 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Varied Industries Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 E. Grand Ave., **Des Moines, IA**. State-wide job fair specifically for veterans and military spouses. Employers, veteran resource organizations, and education/training institutions from across the state of Iowa will be in attendance to recruit and provide personal/career advancement assistance. www.desmoinesmetro.com/events

o "Welcome Home to Today's Heroes," **17 NOV 2012**, 6-10 pm, Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum 4th Anniversary Event, 503 South Street, **Waterloo, IA**. Cyd McHone, cyd.mchone@gmdistrict.org, (319)234-6357. The Grout Museum District will be hosting this event in honor of the 4th anniversary of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Museum. Entertainment provided by Ultimate Entertainment, silent auction, raffle, and cork pull. \$35 admission price. Pre-registration due by Tuesday, November 13.

o Homestyle Thanksgiving Meal for Homeless Veterans **22 NOV 2012**, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Polk County Central Senior Citizens Center, 2008 MLK Drive, **Des Moines, IA**. Sponsored by Jesse F. Taylor VFW Post 12105, Tommy Tyler, Post Commander 9, (515)208-5663, tylervfwpost12105@gmail.com. Those wanting to volunteer are requested to contact Post by email.